

Information for International Applicants

Southern Illinois University School of Law is a full-time, day-time program with admission always beginning in Fall. Acceptance of international applications is always discretionary. Southern Illinois University School of Law does not offer a part-time program.

Students interested in applying as an international student must:

- Follow the same admission requirements as first-year JD applicants.
- Have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam. To be considered for admission, applicants must have a minimum score of 600 (PBT), 250 (CBT) or 100 (IBT). Applicants will need to retake the TOEFL if the minimum score is not earned. The TOEFL is required unless the applicant has obtained either an undergraduate or graduate degree in North America. There are no exceptions to this.
- Have submitted all foreign transcripts to LSAC which are processed through the JD Credential Assembly.

All international applicants should know that they are generally ineligible for educational expense loans available to United States citizens. Therefore, they must be prepared to provide the financial resources for all educational and personal expenses for the duration of the program.

Applicants who are admitted to the program may be required to participate in the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) Graduate Student English (GSE) program or an equivalent program prior to matriculation. The Director of Admissions will notify the applicant of this requirement at time of admission.

Admitted international students who need an I-20 form to enter the U.S. should contact Michelle Neill of International Students and Scholars directly. Michelle can be reached at mneill@siu.edu or 618.453-5774.

All of the following documents must be received in order to provide a complete international application. Apply online through LSAC at www.lsac.org.

- Application and Application fee
- Personal Statement and Resume
- CAS Report with valid LSAT score (will be sent from LSAC)
 - a. Foreign transcripts sent directly to LSAC from all institutions
 - b. Two letters of recommendation sent directly to LSAC
 - c. TOEFL score sent directly to LSAC
- Personal explanation for Character & Fitness section of application, if applicable

Address to send supplemental documents:

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